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tance who might be interested in the
news of Northfield we will gladly
send them sample copies of the
Northfield Press.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

WEATHER REPORT—

The drouth still continues and lest
the water supply falls short street
sprinkling and the use of lawn hose
and sprinklers have been prohibited by
the water companies till further no-
tice. Takers are charged not to be
wasteful in using water.

We were asked one day by a visitor
concerning the salubrity of our atmos-
phere which reminded us of a little
conversation between a would-be pur-
chaser of a house and an old inhabitant
whom we will call Uncle Tim.

"Is it a healthy place?" he was
asked.

"Yes," he replied "Uncle Jones
raised a family of 18 children on it."
"What became of them?" was the
next question.

"They all died."
"All died and you call it healthy?"
What did they die of?"

"Old age" said Uncle Tim and the
purchase was made.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Breinig are
entertaining Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dix
of Allertown, Penn.

Dr. and Mrs. D. D. Downie of Nel-
lore, India, are the guests of Mrs.
Ropes on Nanteh Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Witte are entertaining
their cousins, the Misses Erdman of Al-
lertown, Pa., for a month.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl R. Ramsdell, of
West Swansea, N. H., were guests of
Mrs. A. E. Wright over Sunday.

Mrs. J. B. Farley, her daughter and
niece, of Farley, Mass., spent a part of
the week as guests of Mrs. E. W.
Brown and Miss Woollacott on Main
street.

A most enjoyable "porch tea" was
held last Wednesday afternoon at the
Bungalow of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Good-
rich, Rustic Ridge. The Hermon quar-
ter were guests and gave several fine
selections.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton A. Randall
who have been guests at Perham's Inn
while visiting Mr. Randall's mother,
Mrs. Rowena Randall and his brother,
Clarence, have returned to their home
in New Haven, Conn.

Among the visitors to the conference
are the following who are registered at
the Woodbine Cottage: Miss Lydia C.
Ellis and Miss Nina McDougal of
Flushing, L. I., and Rev. Woffard M.
Ryan of Hebron, Nova Scotia.

Dr. J. G. Pfersick of Greenfield has
opened a branch office in F. L. Pro-
ctor's livery on Main street for the
practice of veterinary medicine and
surgery. Dr. Pfersick will be here for
consultation Tuesday forenoons and
Friday afternoons.

The children's choir under the ef-
ficient management of Miss Chapman
is doing splendid work and their sing-
ing is greatly enjoyed by the audiences
in the Auditorium. All children are
invited to join this choir. Practice
meetings are held in Sage chapel on
Wednesdays and Saturdays at 4.45
p. m.

As we come in contact with the mis-
sionaries who enthuse over their work
abroad we think the young lady was
right who just before leaving for a
foreign field declared, "I can say with
the Chicago girl who had just succeeded
in getting her foot into a new shoe,
"This is a big thing and I'm glad I'm
in it."

The following guests have been at
"The Wheaton" this week, Rev. and
Mrs. T. N. Buchanan of Wall Lake,
Ia., Mrs. Mary Rich Smith, Arlington,
N. J., Mrs. Mary E. Read, South Han-
son, Mass., Mrs. Isabella G. Shaffer,

Worcester, Mass., Mrs. M. T. Barrows,
and Mrs. Evelyn Wright, Whitman,
Mass.

Miss Ella Burdette, of Kansas City,
Mo., is attending the conferences, be-
ing entertained by Mr. and Mrs.
Breinig.

There will be no more meetings of
the Boys' Brigade until Friday eve-
ning, August 27, when the drill will
be held in Skinner gymnasium.

The Rev. Thomas Poate, pastor of
the Baptist church at Rushford, N. Y.,
is the guest of his nephew, Rev. Elliott
W. Brown, during the conferences.

Mr. Warner L. Carver, superintend-
ent of the New England District Sun-
day school union is entertaining a com-
pany of Sunday school workers at
Woodbine cottage.

Mr. W. B. Cheney has sold through
Elliott W. Brown his fine farm on the
Ashuelot road to Mr. George A. Wil-
kins of Troy, N. H., who will now
make Northfield his home.

The Rev. E. F. Hunt of Maynard,
Mass., is attending the conference and
by way of diversion paid his compli-
ments to the Northfield Press by a
friendly call on Thursday.

The home of Calvin Irish was taken
by assault last Wednesday evening by
the combined forces of the Grand Army,
the Sons of Veterans and the Woman's
Relief Corps and the Sons of Veterans
auxiliary. Mr. Irish capitulated with-
out a struggle and the invaders, when
peace was declared, proceeded to con-
gratulate him on reaching his 79th
birthday. No real damage was done
except to the ice cream and cake.

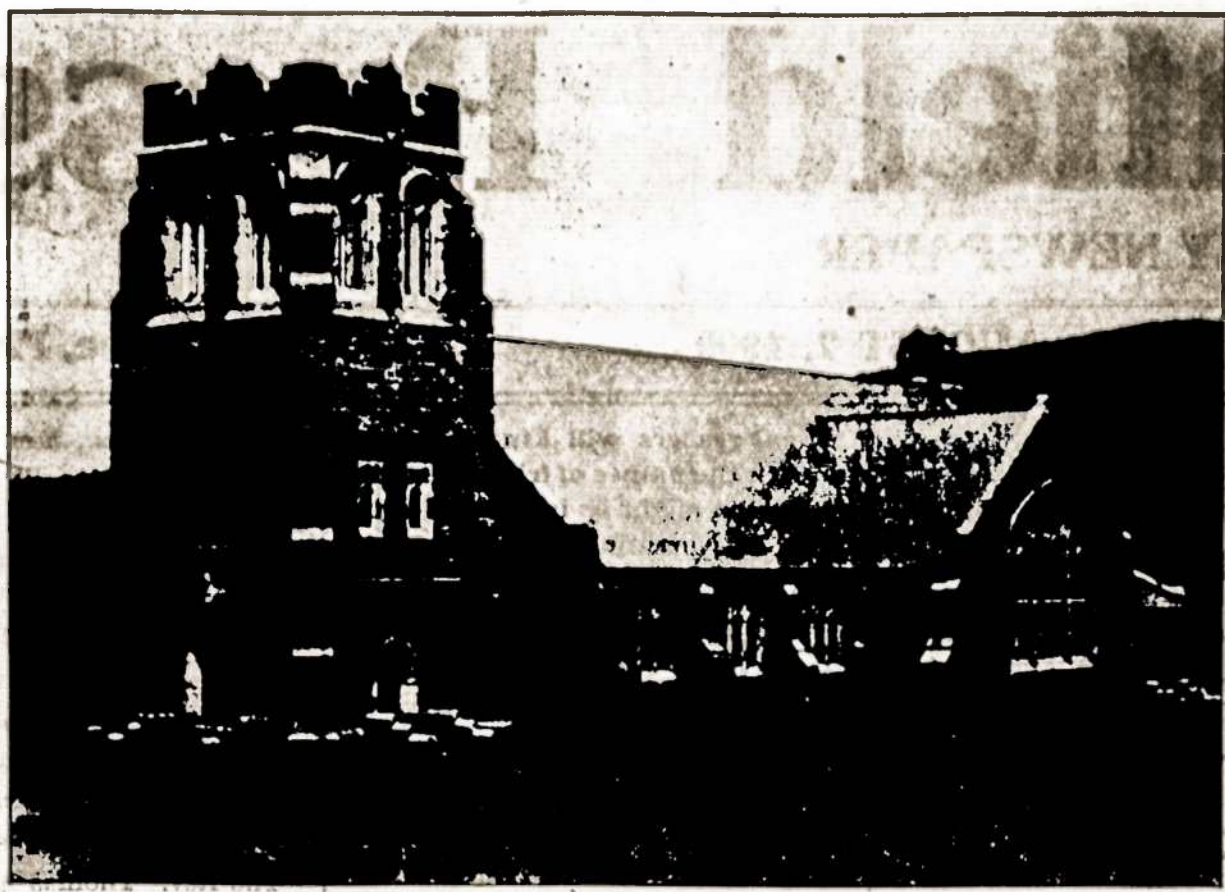
Among the guests at the Windemere
are Mrs. R. W. Lawrence, New York
city, Miss Lillian N. Stoddard,
Cheshire, Conn., Miss Margaret J. Wil-
son, Brookline, Mass., Miss S. Stone,
Ashford, Mass., Miss Ella Alling,
North Attleboro, Mass., Miss Josephine
Spruce, New York city, Mr. Harrison
Meserve, Boston, Mass., and the follow-
ing from Rockport, Mass.: Miss E. G.
Richardson, Miss O. F. Burgess, Miss
E. O. Knowlton and Miss E. E. Stevens.

A delightful reception was tendered
to Dr. and Mrs. D. D. Downie last
Tuesday afternoon by Mrs. Downie's
sister, Mrs. Jennie Hershey Lador, at
Mission Lodge, the home of Mr. and
Mrs. S. W. Hamblin. Dr. and Mrs.
Downie are in this country on furlough
from their mission field in Nellore,
India and the reception was especially
enjoyable to them because of many
missionaries assembled to greet them.

Mrs. Lador had carefully planned a
program consisting of music, reading
and addresses. The piano selection by
Miss Louise Hamblin was warmly ap-
plauded. She was followed by Miss
Colby, a missionary to Japan, who
spoke of some of the joys known only
to those who go "to the uttermost parts
of the earth." Miss Darmstadt then
described a day's routine among the
Telagu people especially in hospital
and school work. Miss Darmstadt has
been associated with Dr. Downie in
his work and her picture of an average
day's routine was vivid and interesting.
Dr. W. B. Boggs, for 30 years associated
with Dr. Downie spoke next and his
words made a deep impression because
they came from a profound love of the
work and of the man with whom he
had been for so long a time. Dr.
Boggs' daughter added much to the
interest of the hour by singing some
Telagu songs. Mrs. Lador here favored
the company with two readings after
which Dr. Downie spoke of his work
and his plans for continuing it when
he returns to his station. Refreshments
were then served.

The Woman's Alliance of First
Parish enjoyed another successful ses-
sion last Wednesday. Over 30 were
present and participated in an interest-
ing consideration of the attention called
to the Unitarian faith by recent utter-

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This issue of the Press marks the beginning of the second half of our experimental journey through 10 weeks of Journalism. The question is frequently asked "Will you continue?" It is a question too large to be answered just now but we hope to answer with in the next two or three weeks. We wish, first of all, to be satisfied that the people want the paper and that not only the 285 paid subscribers who are receiving it by mail will want it continued, but that those who are receiving it by weekly purchase and as sample copies will place their names also on the subscription list. We ought to have 500 regular subscribers to warrant the permanent establishment of the paper. And these would insure an eight page paper instead of four pages. The need of a newspaper for this section is apparent but we don't always want what we need any more than we need what we oftentimes want. It is really up to the people as to whether we continue or not. Publishing a paper even the size of the Press is more than a pastime. It is downright hard work and full of unexpected obstacles. Next week we hope to put the question to you in the shape of a letter that will merely call for a "yes" or "no" but your replies will determine the future of the Northfield Press. Suggestions from our readers will be gladly received.

The meetings of the 27th general conference, now in session in East Northfield, are, all of so interesting a nature that it is difficult to select any one of them for detailed comment within the limits of the Press. Dr. John Henry Jowett, who is here for the first time has delivered several inspiring addresses, each one seemingly exceeding his previous ones. He has been accorded a very warm welcome by both the managers of, and the visitors to the conference. Rev. J. A. Hutson, of Glasgow, Rev. J. Stuart Holders and Rev. G. A. Johnston Ross of Cambridge, England, who have already established their reputations in this country are greeted by large audiences. Special mention should be made of Dr. A. T. Pierpont's course of Bible lectures on the books of the New Testament and Dr. Johnston Ross' daily meetings for ministers only.

CONTRIBUTED.

The celebrations at Hadley and Amherst in which the old settlers are honored cannot but remind the Northfield residents, and, indeed, all sons and daughters of our town, of those brave men and women who were its founders. This settlement for years was the frontier town. Beyond was the trackless wilderness, stretching to the far away stations of the hostile French and their cruel Indian allies. While the forts in Northfield were held, the towns lower down the valley were

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Northfield as a Religious Center.

(A. P. FRI.)

Northfield has long been known as the home of Christian conferences. It has become a New England Jerusalem, whither the tribes of the Lord go up annually, to keep solemn feasts and joyful festivals. Certainly there is a yearly feast of tabernacles—for many are compelled to dwell in tents if not in booths; and a feast of Pentecost—for hundreds get a blessing from above that gives a new savor and flavor to their character, conduct, and service.

The conferences originated with Mr. D. L. Moody's invitation to Christian friends to meet together for mutual instruction and fellowship.

The parent conference of 1880, during the first ten days in the month of September, was attended by some 800 persons, among them a delegation from Britain. East Hall, being then built, served to lodge visitors, but was unequal to the demand. Some camped out in tents, others slept in garrets, every available place was in requisition, and the quiet village waked up to realize the dawn of a new era. It had known no such sensation in its whole history! The Congregational church, of which a picture is here shown, was scarce large enough for a meeting place, and a large tent was pitched behind Mr. Moody's house. The second convention was held the year following; then, owing to Mr. Moody's campaigns in Great Britain, there was an interval of three years; but, since a third gathering, in 1885, they have been annual. This general conference for Christian workers is now held during the first half of August.

The year 1886 was marked by the first of the students' conferences, which was held in the Mount Hermon school buildings, beginning July 7, and lasting 26 days. About 502 delegates appeared, representing 90 institutions. This first student summer college proved a source of one of the greatest movements of our day. Some 23 had come to Mount Hermon pledged to the foreign field—the number rose to a full hundred before the students dispersed, and so hot did the missionary fires burn that it was determined to send two students on a visiting campaign through the colleges. This was the origin of the student volunteer movement, whose motto is "The evangelization of the world in this generation."

This conference has met annually since 1886, at Northfield. The attendance of delegates now approaches 1000, representing over 100 institutions. Conferences on similar lines have sprung up in different parts of this and other countries. The purpose is to develop Young Men's Christian associations in the colleges by training leaders. Northfield has thus become a sort of religious "clearing house" for college men, where they meet and exchange ideas and discuss methods of work.

A similar conference for young women was begun in 1893, and has met each year excepting two in July with promise of increasing usefulness.

A PUBLISHING CENTRE.

Northfield entered upon its career as a religious publishing centre in 1894, with the publication of Northfield Echoes. This magazine preserved in

permanent form the leading addresses delivered at the Summer Conferences.

The Echoes has since been incorporated with the Record of Christian Work which issued every month during the year especially reporting the conferences during the summer.

In 1895, the General Eastern Depot of The Bible Institute Colportage association of Chicago was opened at Northfield. This organization (of which D. L. Moody was president) was formed for the purpose of issuing good sound Christian literature at low rates. The specialty is the Moody Colportage Library (issued monthly, 128 pages, \$1.20 per annum,) whose average monthly output is now about 75,000 copies.

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"I see; you named him after the great founder of Meth—"

"No, indeed," quickly interrupted the mother. "That name as I said, is a compromise."

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protected. Three times their heroic
defenders were driven off. At one such
time, the way being open, the French
and Indians streamed down to the
memorable attack upon Deerfield. From
its position in a strategic point of view,
Northfield, or Squakeag, might well
have been called at that time the gate-
way of the valley. Nobly it was de-
fended; tragically was the suffering en-
dured. Would it be too much to sug-
gest that the memory of the men and
women of those days might be pre-
served in a fitting and impressive man-
ner by the erection of a settlers' me-
morial gate for chief entrance to the
park? Within the park will be the
hall which is designed to enshrine the
names of the union soldiers and of
those who went forth to battle for the
independence of the colonies. How
suitable it would be if on the way to it
the school children and all others
should be privileged to pass through a
wisely designed structure on which
would be carved the names of those
earlier heroes! Is this an enterprise
in which we can awaken any effective
interest? Are there any descendants
of those settlers who might be moved
to take practical steps in this matter?
Let us hear from such.—W.

Editor Press:

In response to Mary Jane's request
for favorite recipes I send the follow-
ing which though inexpensive are ex-
cellent:

Sincerely,
PRISCILLA W.

OATMEAL COOKIES.

1 cup sugar, $\frac{3}{4}$ cup lard (or lard and
butter,) 1 cup chopped raisins, 1 tea-
spoonful soda, 1 tablespoon cinnamon,
2 eggs, 1 cup flour, 2 cups oatmeal, a
little salt.

GINGER BREAD.

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup light brown sugar, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup
butter, 1 egg, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sour milk, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup
molasses, 1 teaspoon soda, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon
ginger, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups flour.

RUSTIC RIDGE NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen D. Pyle, of
Brooklyn, N. Y., are visiting Dr. and
Mrs. David J. Fuller for a couple of
weeks.

MOUNT HERMON NOTES.

Dr. J. East Harrison, who has been
spending the past month on Rustic
Ridge has returned to the hill.

Mr. Richard Watson and family have
returned from a vacation at Dummer-
ston Hill, Vt.

Miss Kelting, of Hartford, Conn., is
taking the place of Miss Martha Ladd
in Holbrook Hall while Miss Ladd is
visiting in Chazy, N. Y.

Miss Wheeler, teacher of Latin, has
returned from a month's vacation at
York Beach, Me.

Henry B. Wright, Ph. D., of Yale
university is teaching a two weeks'
course in daily Bible, subject "The
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ances of President Eliot, and by the loyalty of President Taft to his Unitarian fellowship. The Alliance voted to invite the alliances of Warwick and Athol to meet with them next month. A vote was also passed thanking Miss Mary Osgood for the beautiful Japanese tea service and tray which she presented to the alliance. This gift is but one more of her many generous courtesies to this society.

Two kids—genuine ones—are increasing the joy in Mr. Perham's household. They arrived last week. Mr. Perham thinks that when they grow up they will prove profitable a thing not to be said of all kids.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Pratt of South Vernon, who have been spending two delightful weeks on one of the many islands in Portland harbor, returned home a few days ago. Friends are congratulating them upon their healthy looks.

By an oversight last week a selection from Rev. Newell Dwight Hillis beginning "There are only two kinds of people in the world," appeared in our editorial columns without due credit to the writer. Mistakes will happen. We regret this one.

High art in housekeeping is being displayed by a coterie of young girls who, under the lead of Katherine Linsley, have taken possession of the little Stratton cottage adjoining the residence of Miss Linsley. An invitation to tea is a coveted distinction.

Dr. George O. Jordan who graduated from the Ohio State university in June will soon begin the practice of veterinary medicine in this town. Dr. Jordan is now registered in Massachusetts, having passed the state board examination held July 7 and 8 at the state house in Boston.

The remains of Josiah Morse Morrill were brought to South Vernon and interred by the side of those of his wife in the Pond Road cemetery last Monday. Mr. Morse was for many years a resident of South Vernon, although making his home recently with his son in Springfield, where he passed away. He had also been an inmate of the soldiers' home at Togus. Mr. Morrill served honorably in the war for the union, and afterwards was one of the conductors on the Boston and Maine railroad. The services at the cemetery were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Wilson. A few of the old veterans and neighbors attended, in addition to the relatives.

The picnic of the Sunday school of First Parish is to take place Thursday the 12th inst; the place Sugar Loaf Mountain reservation. A delightful trolley ride from Millers Falls and beautiful scenery when you get to the reservation are the chief attractions. There will be besides games for the children and competitive sports. The expenses of the Sunday school children will be paid. For all others the round trip from Millers Falls is 35 cents, which is half price. All persons are welcome to join the excursion whether in or out of the parish, but those intending to go should give their names to the committee beforehand in order that sufficient trolley accommodations shall be furnished. Every person is urged to be at the vestry no later than 7.30. The round trip ticket from Northfield to Millers Falls is put at the low price of 25 cents for all over 12 years of age, and 15 cents for children under 12. This makes the entire cost of the excursion 60 cents and 50 cents. The Vernon Sunday school will join in the picnic.

First Parish never had a more successful lawn party than the one which illuminated the grounds of Perham's Inn last Thursday. The crowd was large and merry, the music by the Northfield band was never more stirring, and the supper was an honor to the pie-belt and a strain to all other belts. With the aid of James Cummings for "barker" the Punch and Judy show, staged by Joseph Field, was a very taking feature. The wild west show was a surprise; so was the showman, Miss Gertrude Ball. The large quantity of ice cream and cake deftly handled by Mr. and Mrs. Smith disappeared all too soon, and the town was ransacked for an additional supply. But the really rushing thing was the auto joy ride. Messrs. Frank Williams, Charles E. Williams, John W.

Barber and Charles H. Webster came with their cars prepared to do what was expected to be a moderate business. From the moment they reached the stand they were besieged by a laughing crowd which filled the cars at every return of them till after 10 o'clock. It eventually amounted to an endurance run, in which Mr. Webster came off victor. He earned over \$9.50 in 10 cent fares. The clear profit to the Sewing society from the party was over \$90. Not least among the attractions was the drill of the Boys' Brigade.

MOUNT HERMON NOTES.

About 150 delegates of the Sunday school conference recently held at East Northfield were entertained at supper in the new dining hall at Hermon.

The Tennis club held an "at home" at the tennis courts Monday afternoon, August 2. A few guests were invited among whom were the members of the senior class.

The tennis tournament in singles was completed the last week of July. Conrad Cutler again won the cup given to the athletic association two years ago by Rev. John McDowell. R. F. Jones was the other contestant in the finals.

The summer baseball series was finished Monday August 2. Cottages won the series with the fine record of not having lost a game.

Mr. Wagar and Miss M. J. Miller, senior class teachers, will entertain the seniors this evening.

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